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To: Chief Phillip Smith

From: Sergeant Justin Patti

Re: Administrative report (BPD case # 14-11306)

Chief Smith-

I have conducted an investigation regarding Berkeley PD case # 14-11306. The incident involved Berkeley Officer's responding to a call of two children struggling with a Pit Bull at 1148 Taft Ave. The call was made by a Kenneth Elazier of . Officer Parker was first on scene and dealt with the children and the dog. Officer Parker advised me that the children couldn't handle the dog and the dog was becoming aggressive. The dog became more aggressive upon Officer Parker's arrival. Officer Parker explained the dog continued to come towards him in an aggressive manner with an approximate distance of two feet between himself and the dog, when Officer Parker discharged (1) round from his service weapon. Officer Parker's weapon is described as a Glock 23, 40 Caliber. It was later determined the dog had been struck in the mouth area. Officer Parker and myself later searched the area for the casing, with negative results. The dog continued to run through the yards of the 1100 blocks of Taft and Herbert. It took Officer Parker, Officer Larem, Officer Rodriquez, and myself to finally corner the dog between a fence and a shed in the backyard of 1114 Herbert. At that point, the dog was secured with two dog poles and the owner was present to assist, if needed. The owner was identified as Gina Stone of 1148 Taft. It should be noted, we had to use a citizens Dewalt drill to remove the fence panels to access the dog. The dog had two dog poles on its neck at that point due to its aggression and unpredictable state. The determination was then made for Officer Larem to keep the dog poles secured on the dog and transport the dog in the rear of his vehicle to the Dupage Animal Hospital. The owner requested and agreed to the transport of her dog to the animal hospital and Mrs. Stone followed Officer Larem to the animal hospital.

On 04 Oct 14 at 0846 Hrs, I canvassed the surrounding homes of 1148 Taft for any witnesses to the incident.

, I spoke to Rhonda Watson, that advised she was in the kitchen and heard a "pop". Rhonda heard a whimpering which she thought was on a TV in the home. Rhonda stated she then looked outside and saw an officer with a gun. No further statement was provided.



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I spoke to a Wanda Williams, , that advised she was on the side of her home on her driveway when she saw an officer with his weapon drawn and heard one shot, "maybe a couple shots". Wanda advised she saw the dog run away and the kids were being yelled at to get inside the house. No further statement was provided.

I left a message for the homeowner to call me. Contact information was left.

I spoke with a Ruben Rivera, that advised he was in his home and he heard one gunshot. Rivera stated he did not hear or see anything else until he came outside and saw the officers trying to catch the dog. No further statement was provided.

It should be noted that the complainant, Kenneth Elazier, provided Officer Parker and I with his own hand written statement of what occurred on 03 Oct 14. The statement was saved and attached to the case file.

0929 Hrs. I went to the Dupage Animal Hospital at 377 E. North Ave, Villa Park, IL and spoke with a worker named Kimberly. Kimberly advised she could provide me with some of the details but that I should follow up with Brian Jeffrey who is the office manager. Kimberly advised she had a message into Brian to call me. Kimberly advised the dog was given antibiotics and that the owner is to administer the antibiotics to the dog. The amount of the services for the dog came out to \$262.25. I explained I would talk to Brian about the billing. Shortly thereafter, Brian called me and discussed the matter with me. Brian stated that Gina Stone verbally stated she would pay the bill. Brian also stated an invoice was emailed to Mrs. Stone. Brian stated that Mrs. Stone also refused some additional medications for the dog and the follow up appointment had been cancelled. Brian stated that he would continue to seek payment through Mrs. Stone.

I have completed a use of force incident report, along with Officer Parker's initial report and attached all pertinent documents with the original case file for your review.

My findings with this matter, is that Officer Parker utilized a level of force appropriate to control the situation and should not be found of any wrongdoing. Officer Parker should be commended for his actions and demonstrated a professional demeanor given the stress of the situation. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Justin Patti